



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>**

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-2820)

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Present: President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell,
 Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

Absent: Commissioner James Barger

1. Call to Order. (15-2722)

President Vasquez called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Commissioner Morrill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of May 20, 2015. (15-2724)

On motion of Secretary Lee, seconded by Commissioner Morrill, and duly carried by the following vote, this item was approved.

Ayes: 3 - Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee
 and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

Abstentions: 1 - President Sara Vasquez

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II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Hearing on recommendation to deny Secondhand Dealer Business License ID #142039 for Pablo Cipres, The Toy Mine, located at 14267 E. Imperial Hwy., La Mirada, CA 90638 in the Fourth District. (15-2732)

Secretary Lee reported that Investigator Luskleet, Los Angeles County Sheriff Department advised that he is unable to attend the meeting and requested that the hearing be rescheduled.

On motion of Secretary Lee, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, this item was continued to the meeting of June 24, 2015.

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

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4. Hearing on application for Billiard Room, Business License ID# 141646, to issue a new license to Willie Griffin, owner of El-T- Bar & Grill, located at 7717 S. Compton Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90001 in the Second District. (15-2733)

Omar Partida, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for a Billiard Room business license and is handled by the Sheriff's Department. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Willie Griffin, owner of El-T- Bar, provided a brief overview of the business. In response to questions posed by the Commission, Mr. Griffin indicated that he has owned the business for approximately five years. The hour of operation are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and anticipates increasing hours of operation in the future. Approximately 40 patrons visit the business and on occasion, hosts pool tournaments and televise fights. Individuals who are under 18 years of age or wearing gang affiliated clothing are not allowed entry. Food and beer is served and music from a juke box is available; live music is not provided. Vice President Campbell indicated that an entertainment license must be obtained if he plans to provide entertainment.

In response to questions posed by Commissioner Morrill, Mr. Griffin indicated that upon request special events can be accommodated.

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Morrill, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license:

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

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5. Hearing on application for Billiard Room, Business License ID# 142247, to issue a new license to Soon Hui Kim, owner of MAN HWA Billiards, located at 19037 Colima Rd., Rowland Heights, CA 91748 in the Fourth District. (15-2734)

Omar Partida, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for a Billiard Room business license and is handled by the Sheriff's Department. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals. TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Soon Hui Kim, owner of MAN HWA Billiards, through her interpreter Jung S. Kang, responded to questions posed by the Commission. Hours of operation are Monday through Sunday from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Secretary Lee advised Ms. Kim to familiarize herself with the Los Angeles County Code (LACC) Title 7.18; Ms. Kim agreed. Secretary Lee explained that under the LACC Title 7.18, admittance to patrons under 18 years of age is not allowed and hours of operation must cease between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.; Ms. Kim agreed. Secretary Lee referenced the existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and suggested Ms. Kim to familiarize herself with the conditions on the CUP; Ms. Kim agreed and indicated that the business does not host special events or parties.

On motion of Secretary Lee, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the following condition:

- 1. Comply with the existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP)**

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

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6. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General, Business License ID# 141734, to issue a new license to Camelia K. Chao, owner of C.U. Café & More, located at 1121 S. Hacienda Blvd., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 in the Fourth District. (15-2735)

Omar Partida, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office (TTC), reported that the application is for an Entertainment-General business license. The applicant has obtained all necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Camelia K. Chao, owner of C. U. Café & More provided a brief overview of the business. Ms. Chao indicated that the business is a family oriented restaurant with entertainment that includes karaoke.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Ms. Chao indicated the restaurant has a small stage for entertainment by patrons, but no dressing room; there will be no paid professional entertainers or live bands performing. The hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. C.U. Café & More currently holds a California ABC Liquor License Type 41 that permits the serving of beer and wine.

Secretary Lee brought to Ms. Chao's attention that there is an outstanding Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from the previous business, which will carry over to C.U. Café & More. The Commission advised Ms. Chao to contact the County to obtain a copy of the CUP for her records.

Discussion regarding the CUP ensued. LaTayvius Alberty, County Counsel, confirmed that the business license must be reissued when there is new ownership. However, Ms. Chao may be able to file for reimbursement with the Department of Regional planning for the separate fee charged for the CUP that may not have needed re-approval. Ms. Alberty also noted that fees paid to TTC were valid.

After discussion, on motion Secretary Lee, seconded by Vice President Renee Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the following conditions:

- 1. Must comply with Conditional Use Permit No. 2012-00070 for ABC and Live Entertainment; and**
- 2. Stage and dressing room waiver.**

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

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7. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General, Business License ID# 141290, to issue a new license to Bernard Benjamin Denis, Jr., President, Secretary and Treasurer, BBD Investments Inc., DBA Lucky Lizard, located at 15646 Leffingwell Rd., Whittier, CA 90604 in the Fourth District. (15-2736)

Omar Partida, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for an Entertainment-General business license. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Bernard Benjamin Denis, Jr., President, Secretary and Treasurer, BBD Investments Inc., DBA Lucky Lizard provided a brief overview of the business. Mr. Denis indicated that the business is a bar that has been operating for approximately 20 years; however, he has been the owner for approximately 15 months. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., Friday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

In response to questions posed by Secretary Lee, Mr. Denis confirmed that he is in possession of a Type 48 ABC License, which allows him to serve beer, wine and hard liquor; last call is at 1:30 a.m. Secretary Lee referenced the existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and suggested he familiarize himself with the conditions, Mr. Denis agreed. Mr. Denis anticipates providing live bands, karaoke and a Disc Jockey (DJ) as forms of entertainment; a dressing room and stage are not available.

Secretary Lee referenced a letter of objection from a neighbor referencing nuisances caused by the business. Mr. Denis indicated that the issues raised predate his ownership; however, he is currently working on improving the business towards a more reputable environment. Mr. Denis has called the Sheriff's Department to report fights that occurred in the bar. The business is located in a residential area and will keep the back door closed to prevent noise disturbances.

Vice President Campbell expressed concern regarding the letter's indication of insufficient parking, Mr. Denis indicated that there is ample parking and they have approximately 40 patrons who visit the business on a daily basis.

In response to questions posed by Commissioner Morrill, Mr. Denis indicated that he is not aware of the landlord's efforts on improving the reputation of the businesses and upon request special occasions can be accommodated.

On motion of Secretary Lee, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the following conditions:

1. Comply with the existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP);
2. Stage and dressing room waiver.

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

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8. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General/SC for the City of Santa Clarita, Business License ID# 142226 to Michael D. Foster, Secretary and Treasurer, A1Ney Corporation, DBA Bergies Bar and Grill, located at 16404 Delone St., Santa Clarita, CA 91387 in the Fifth District. (15-2737)

Omar Partida, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for an Entertainment-General business license and the hearing is being held for the City of Santa Clarita. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; the City of Santa Clarita has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Michael D. Foster, Secretary and Treasurer, A1Ney Corporation., DBA Bergies Bar and Grill, provided a brief overview of the business. Mr. Foster indicated that the business has been in existence for approximately 30 years, it is located in a strip mall and he has been operating the business since January 2015; it is a full service bar and grill. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Friday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mr. Foster plans to provide Karaoke and a Disc Jockey (DJ) for entertainment.

In response to questions posed by Commissioner Morrill, Mr. Foster indicated that approximately 50-80 patrons visit on a daily basis and upon request special events can be accommodated; no promoters are utilized.

In response to questions posed by President Vasquez, Mr. Foster confirmed that food is served and a stage and dressing room is not available.

Secretary Lee referenced the Regional Planning comments on the approval. Mr. Partida indicated that the approval was submitted by the City of Santa Clarita and is not familiar with their acronyms.

On motion of Commissioner Morrill, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with a stage and dressing room waiver.

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

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III. REPORT

9. Commissioners' Comments. (15-2725)

The Commission reviewed the calendar for June 2015 and July 2015 and agreed to cancel June 17, 2015.

The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-2726)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

11. Adjournment for the meeting of June 10, 2015. (15-2727)

On motion of President Vasquez, seconded by Vice President Campbell, there being no objection, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:01 a.m.